

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is committed to recognizing that growth and strength depends on the safety of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure; and,

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of our buildings is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry; and,

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council (ICC), who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and,

Whereas, these modern building codes and standards protect the public from hurricanes, snowstorms, tornados, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and,

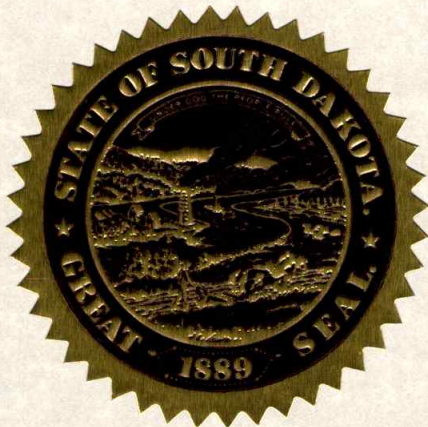
Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by ICC to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety, who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and,

Whereas, "Built to Last" – the theme for Building Safety Month in May 2026 – encourages us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale:

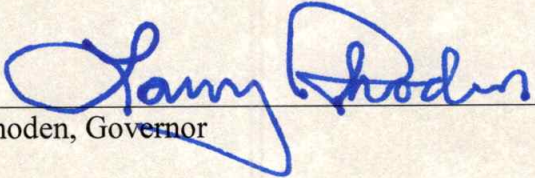
Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2026, as

Building Safety Month

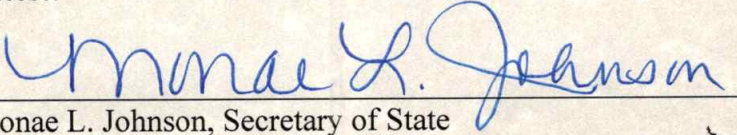
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.


Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:


Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State